IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

MONDAY, THE 17TH DECEMBER 2007 / 26TH AGRAHAYANA 1929

WP(C).No. 37231 of 2007(G)

PETITIONER:

P.K.SREEDHARAN,
S/O.KUNJAN, AGED 50 YEARS, VADACHIRAPATTU HOUSE,
EZHAKARANADU P.O., VIA PUNTHENCURUZ,
ERNAKULAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.M.V.PAULOSE

RESPONDENTS:
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1. THE INSPECTOR,
TODDY WORKER'S WELFARE FUND, ERNAKULAM.

2. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
ERNAKULAM.

3. THE DEPUTY TAHSILDAR,
(REVENUE RECOVERY) TALUK OFFICE,
KUNNATHUNADU, PERUMAVOOR P.O.

BY SRI.K.HARILA, SC, SBI

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 17/12/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC, J.

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Dated this the 17th December, 2007

J U D G M E N T

The request of the petitioner is for reduction of interest. The interest levied is at 18% and the petitioner relies on Ext. P3 judgment of this Court and submits that in that case, taking into account the circumstances prevailing, this Court has granted reduction of interest. On that basis the petitioner seeks similar relief in this writ petition.

2. Counsel for the respondents brought to my notice the judgment in Toddy Welfare Fund Inspector v. Mohanan {2006 (2) KLT S.N. 89, Case No. 127} where a Division Bench of this Court has held that rate of interest statutorily provided cannot be reduced in judicial proceedings.

In view of this judgment, the writ petition is only to be dismissed. I do so.

ANTONY DOMINIC
JUDGE

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